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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN GATHERED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES REGARDING THE TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND HIS WIFE:

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 G. 1963: ACCORDING TO AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCE,
 ON 23 NOVEMBER MARIA SMITHLAGE, HEAD OF THE "WERKGROUP INFORMATIE CUBA," TOLD AN
 EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE THAT SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT
 MR. LEE IN HAVANA, WHO DID THE MURDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A MAN OF VIOLENCE
 AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAN HAD
 BEEN MISUSED BY A GROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN TO "GIBSON" ABOUT THE BAD
 IMPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS: PLEASE REFER TO OUR
 TELETYPE NOS 85182 AND 85665 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GIBSON.) ALMOST
 THREE HOURS LATER, SMITHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE AND
 SAID THAT "MR. LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND THAT
 IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMITHLAGE SEEMED TO BE
 GLAD TO HAVE HEARD THIS "CORRECT" VERSION. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE
 IDENTICAL WITH VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF THE
 FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.)

H. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION SMITHLAGE WAS IN CUBA IN JANUARY
 1963, AND ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE, SHE AGAIN TRAVELED TO CUBA FOR
 THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN 1963.

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SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM WHICH OCCASIONALLY IS DONE IN SPECIAL CASES

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F. 1962:

RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT THAT OSWALD RETURNED

TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE USSR THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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